

Joanne Lenz  
HB 5558

To Whom it may concern

My name is Joanne Lenz, and I live in Fairfield, Connecticut. I am contacting you because I am very concerned for the future of my son.

My son Ryan has an autism spectrum disorder.

Connecticut does not provide services for adults who have Autism Spectrum Disorders but do not have mental retardation and Ryan will be 21 next year and will then be receiving no services for our state. His IQ is above 70 so he does not qualify for DDS services under their guidelines. ASD is a true disability which can not be measured by IQ score. I believe this should be of growing concern for our state as the number of adults with ASD is growing leaving a large section of our community without support. I am writing to you about Bill No HB5558 which would provide service for Persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder and I urge you to support it. Ryan can live and work in the community as a productive member of society but not without the appropriate supports. This bill will allow for Ryan to access these supports and live up to his fullest potential. You can reach me at 203-254-3230 or 203-218-6737 or email at [RyanCarleen@yahoo.com](mailto:RyanCarleen@yahoo.com). I look forward to discussing this important issue with you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you again for your time.

Very truly yours,  
A Concerned Mom,  
Joanne Lenz